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TAGS: ETRN; MX: ES

SUBJ: CVAIR: TACA'S MERIDA ROUTE AND PANAM'S PERMIT

REF: SAN SALVADOR 0294

1. DURING A FEBRUARY 27 CALL ON FORNMIN BORGONOV, HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEING AN EARLY AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO TACA'S APPLICATION BEFORE THE CAB TO ADD MERIDA TO ITS SAN SALVADOR/GUATEMALA/NEW ORLEANS ROUTE. HE SPECIFICALLY FRAMED HIS INTEREST IN THE CONTEXT OF THE "SPIRIT OF TLATELOCO" AND EMPHASIZED THE POTENTIAL WHICH THE MERIDA STOP OFFERS TO EL SALVADOR'S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE TOUR GROUP BUSINESS. HE SAID THE GOM HAS APPROVED THE MERIDA STOP WITH FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS. BASED UPON LOCALLY-OBTAINED INFORMATION (TACA OFFICIAL TO EMBOFF) I TOLD HIM IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAD RESPONDED TO THE CAB ON THE APPLICATION, BUT THAT I WOULD INQUIRE AND URGE WASHINGTON'S EARLIEST AND FAVORABLE DECISION ON THE APPLICATION. ACTING REQUESTED: REQUEST STATUS REPORT ON TACA'S APPLICATION AND ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE GIVEN TO BORGONOV.

2. I USED THE ABOVE DISCUSSION OF CIVIL AVIATION TO MENTION THE LONG-STANDING PROBLEM OF PANAM'S PERMIT AND RELATED SCHEDULE APPROVALS, NOTING THAT I WAS EXERCISING MY OWN INITIATIVE RATHER

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THAN ACTING UNDER ANY NEW INSTRUCTIONS OR AT THE REQUEST OF PAN

AM. I EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION TO LINK AN ESTABLISHED PANAM TRAFFIC WHICH SEEKS NO NEW RIGHTS WITH TACA'S APPLICATION. NOR, INDEED, HAD I ANY EVIDENCE INDICATING ANY US CARRIER POSITION ON TACA'S APPLICATION OR REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PANAM'S PROBLEM WAS A FACTOR IN CAB'S CONSIDERATION. MY POINT IN MENTIONING THE ISSUE, I SAID, WAS TO SEEK SOME RELQEF FOR PANAM FROM THE TENUOUS STATE OF TRYING TO COPE WITH SHORT (30 TO 60 DAY) TEMPORARY APPROVALS WHICH INVARIABLY ARE RENEWED ONLY AT THE LAST MOMENT. MINISTER BORGONOVO REFERRED TO THE GOES STUDY ON AVIATION POLICY AND SAID UNTIL IT HAD RUN ITS COURSE TEMPORARY PERMITS ARE THE ONLY RECOURSE. I SAID I WAS AWARE OF THE REPORT OF LAST AUGUST AND THAT REPORTEDLY THE PRESIDENT HAD URGED ITS STUDY AND CONCLUSION, BUT WHAT I WAS SUGGESTING WAS A MORE PRACTICAL INTERIM ARRANGEMENT FOR PANAM. HE PROMISED TO SEE WHAT HE COULD DO.

3. PANAM'S MARTINEZ PLANS TO FILE MARCH 4 FOR AN EXTENSION (FRM MARCH 20, SEE REFTTEL) OF ITS PERMIT APPROVAL FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS. IN A PLANNED DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER SEAMAN, MARTINEZ INTENDS TO USE (AS DID I WITH BORGONOVO) IBERIA'S RECENTLY RECEIVED TEMPORARY PERMIT APPROVAL, WHICH IS FOR 30 DAYS, AUTOMATICALLY RENEWABLE FOR A TOTAL OF SIX MONTHS, AS A BARGAINING POINT.  
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